

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, amend paragraph [0012] as:

[0012] Figure ~~[[4]]~~ 5 is a cross-sectional view of the soccer table of Figure 4 with legs of the table removed for simplicity.

Page 3, amend paragraph [0013] as:

[0013] With reference to the drawings and in particular to Figures 4 and 5, a ~~[[tale]]~~ table soccer 10 comprises a table 12 having opposite, spaced and parallel side walls 14 and actuating rods 16 rotatably and axially movably extending between the walls 14. Legs 18 are arranged below ~~bellow~~ the table 12 for supporting the table 12 on a fixture (not shown). Playing figures 20 are mounted on the rods 16 and are axially movable and rotatable in unison with the actuating rod 16 for hitting, blocking and otherwise controlling a ball 22 (see Figure 5).

Page 4, amend paragraph [0017] as:

[0017] A jacket 38 is selectively fitted over the head portion 36 and an upper section of the body portion 30 that is located on the same side as the ~~[[heat]]~~ head portion 36 with respect to the through hole 32. The jacket 38 may be designed for decoration purposes only. In this respect, the jacket 38 is made lightweight in order not to significantly change the center of gravity of the figure 20 and thus maintaining the original posture of the figure 20.

Page 4, amend paragraph [0019] as:

[0019] The jacket 38 is formed with slits 40 that make lower portions of the jacket 38 resilient to help fitting onto the figure 20 in a tight but removable manner. Thus, a table soccer player may selectively mount the jacket 38 to the figure 20 to play the figures in [[eight]] either vertical or horizontal postures.

Page 4, amend paragraph [0020] as:

[0020] Apparently, the counterweight that is made in the form of a jacket in the preferred embodiment can be made in different forms other than the jacket as illustrated. For example, the figure itself may be made in a horizontal posture, while a skirt that is of substantial weight is removably attached to a lower portion of the figure to selectively convert the horizontal posture into a vertical posture. It should be pointed out that an important aspect of the invention is that the counterweight not only can be easily put on or taken off the figure but also can withstand quick pivoting movement without being slipped off during the game. To achieve this, the counterweight must have a resilient portion with at least one slit formed on a side as in the form of the jacket 38 illustrated in Figure 1.